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## THIRTY BODIES ARE RECOVERED

INDICATIONS TODAY THAT THE  
BULWARK WAS BLOWN UP  
FROM INTERNAL EXPLOSION.

## BODIES ARE MUTILATED

Bodies in Such Condition That Identifi-  
cation is Impossible—Only Twelve  
of Crew Rescued—Eight Hundred  
Dead.

Sheerness, Nov. 27.—Thirty bodies  
from the battleship Bulwark were  
recovered from the Thames river  
today. Most of them are mutilated  
beyond identification.

There was increasing evidence to-  
day that the explosion was due to  
internal causes and not to a German  
torpedo or mine.

### Eight Hundred Lost.

London, Nov. 26.—It was announced  
officially here Thursday that the Brit-  
ish battleship Bulwark had been blown  
up off Sheerness.

Only twelve members out of a crew  
of about seven hundred and fifty on  
board were saved.

According to the admiralty, the ex-  
plosion which resulted in the destruc-  
tion of the Bulwark is believed to have  
originated in her own magazine.

The announcement of the disaster  
was made here shortly before 4 p. m.,  
by Winston Spencer Churchill, first  
lord of the admiralty.

The explosion which destroyed the  
Bulwark, occurred at 7:53 a. m. A vice  
admiral and a rear admiral, who were  
at Sheerness, reported that they were  
convinced that the disaster was caused  
by a magazine explosion. When the  
smoke had cleared away, the ship had  
entirely disappeared.

An inquiry will be held Thursday  
and the admiralty believes that it may  
throw some light upon the occurrence.

### Statement of Churchill.

Mr. Churchill, speaking in the house  
of commons, concerning the disaster,  
said:

"The loss of the ship does not sen-  
sibly affect our military position, but  
I regret the loss of life which was  
very heavy. Only twelve men were  
saved. All the officers and the rest of  
the crew which I suppose amounted to  
between 700 and 800, perished."

The force of the explosion was so  
great that houses in Sheerness and  
even in South End, seven miles away,  
and on the other side of the Medway,  
were shaken violently. The people  
fled into the streets in alarm. Dense  
clouds of smoke and flame shot into  
the air. The vessel disappeared be-  
neath the water in three minutes.

### Vessel Blotted by Smoke.

Immediately after the explosion the  
vessel was blotted out by smoke and  
as the veil slowly lifted, a handful of  
men were seen struggling in the water.  
Small craft rushed to their aid and  
picked them up. The band of the Bul-  
wark was playing when the explosion  
came.

The disaster came while the Bul-  
wark was lying at anchor off the na-  
val port of Sheerness near the mouth  
of the Thames. Officers of the port  
scout the public impression that the  
vessel was the victim of a German sub-  
marine. These seem to be supported  
by the absence of an upheaval in the  
water as the first lord of the admiralty  
explained.

Although only fifteen years old and  
no longer on the first fighting line,  
the Bulwark was still a useful unit.  
The Bulwark in her early career was  
quite a favorite. For a long time she

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RAIN STOPS FIRE.  
Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 27.—  
General rain over the state  
is rapidly stopping the forest  
fire which has been raging  
for a week.  
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was the flag ship of Admiral Charles  
Berestford in the Mediterranean.

### Statement of Witness.

A witness who was on a ship a short  
distance from the Bulwark, said:  
"I was at breakfast at about ten  
minutes to 8 o'clock Thursday morn-  
ing, when I heard an explosion and  
went on deck. My first impression was  
that the report was produced by the  
firing of a salute by one of the ships.  
When I got on deck, the water and  
the sky were obscured by dense vol-  
umes of smoke. We were ordered  
at once to the scene of the disaster to  
render what assistance we could. At  
first we could see nothing, but when  
the smoke cleared, we found that the  
battleship Bulwark was gone. She ap-  
peared to have entirely vanished from  
sight, but a little later we detected a  
portion of the huge battleship showing  
about four feet above the water."

"We kept a vigilant lookout for the  
crew, but saw only two men. One man  
we saw, was dead."

The British battleship Bulwark, 15,-  
000 tons displacement, was laid down  
in 1899, and completed in 1902. She  
was 411 feet long, 75 feet wide and  
drew 29 feet of water. Her armament  
consisted of four 12-inch guns, twelve  
6-inch guns, sixteen 12-pounders, six  
3-pounders and four submerged torpe-  
do tubes. She had a complement of 750  
men.

Sheerness is on the Thames at the  
mouth of the Medway.  
It is 35 miles down the river.

## ROBBERY OF A STORE ON MAIN STREET

R. E. GRISHAM'S CLOTHING STORE  
WAS FORCIBLY ENTERED WED-  
NESDAY NIGHT AND \$300 IN  
MERCHANDISE TAKEN.

Some thief or thieves entered the  
store of R. E. Grisham Wednesday  
night or Thursday morning and took  
away about three hundred dollars' worth  
of merchandise, consisting of  
suits of clothes, hats, gloves and  
hosiery.

Entrance was gained by prying off  
the bars of a rear window and forcing  
the window frame. The parties  
were evidently good sized men, as  
two of the serge suits taken were  
40 in size.

This is the second time this store  
has been burglarized within the past  
year. The sheriff and police are at  
work on the trail and are making  
efforts to catch the thief.

## FRIEND OF THE ORPHANS HERE TODAY

M. E. HARRIS IS DEVOTING HIS  
ENTIRE LIFE TO CARE OF  
CHILDREN WHO CAN NOT CARE  
FOR THEMSELVES.

M. E. Harris of the Cornish Or-  
phans' Home is here working in the  
interest of his home. He cared for  
thirty orphans from this county alone  
within the last year, and is perhaps  
doing more good than any other  
home in the state, and one of his  
friends has been kind enough to say  
that he is doing more actual relief  
work than all other homes in the  
state combined.

Ardmore has always given liberally  
to the support of the home. A few  
persons have been seen today, and  
of those the Oil Mill company gave  
\$25, Westheimer & Daube \$15, First  
National Bank \$10; Guaranty State  
Bank \$10; Ardmore National Bank  
\$10; and State National Bank \$10.  
The work of soliciting has just  
begun, and when the work is fin-  
ished the report will be published.

## GERMANS RELINQUISH OFFENSIVE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM TODAY

Indications that Campaign is Entering a New Phase—  
Berlin Officially Announces that No Decisive En-  
gagements Were Fought in Russia Yesterday, Al-  
though the Reports from Petrograd Tend to In-  
crease the First Reports of the Russian Victory—  
One German Army Corps of Fifty Thousand  
Men Said to Have Surrendered to the Russians at  
Lodz, and Another Corps Routed—Vienna Reports  
that the Fighting in Poland has Assumed Propor-  
tions of a Continuous Battle.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The campaign in France and  
Belgium seemed today to be entering a new phase. Tem-  
porarily at least, the Germans have relinquished the of-  
fensive.

The Russian battle remains a mystery. Berlin of-  
ficially announced today that there were no decisive en-  
gagements in Russia yesterday. Although unofficial re-  
ports of the Russian victory increased today, the Russian  
officials remained silent.

### German Losses Heavy.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—A Petrograd correspondent says  
that one German army corps of nearly fifty thousand  
men has surrendered to the Russians near Lodz, and an-  
other German army corps has been routed. The Russian  
attacks on the Czenstochowa-Cracow line continue with  
redoubled intensity.

### Holy War Proclamation.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 27.—The proclamation  
of a holy war, which was announced ten days ago, was  
published today, and is signed by the Sultan and twenty-  
eight moslem priests. It calls the Moslem world to wage  
a holy war against England, France and Russia.

### Smyrna Incident Closed.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Secretary  
Bryan announced that the Smyrna  
incident was closed today, when Tur-  
key reported that the firing at the  
Tennessee's launch was due to the  
"indifference of the helmsman of the  
launch." He disregarded two blank  
shots, warning him of mines, where-  
upon the fort sent a solid shot.  
Turkey expressed regret.

### Disapproves Bomb Attacks.

Washington, Nov. 27.—President Wil-  
son today notified unofficially the  
belligerent diplomats here that he  
disapproves the attacks by bombs  
from aircraft on unfortified cities oc-  
cupied by non-combatants.

### British Collier Blown Up.

London, Nov. 27.—The British col-  
lier Kartoum was blown up by a  
mine off Grimsby on the south bank  
of the Humber river near Hull, Eng-  
land, today. The crew was saved.

### Goeben Lost Eleven Men.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—In her recent  
engagements with the Russian fleet,  
the Turkish cruiser Goeben lost  
eleven killed. Only one shot struck  
above her.

### Drive Off Austrian Monitors.

Nish, Serbia, Nov. 27.—It is of-  
ficially stated that the battle which  
began November 20 at Lazarevatz,  
Monitza, on the front in Northern  
Serbia continues. The artillery bom-  
barded the Austrian monitors off  
Semlin, forcing them to withdraw.

### Vienna Doesn't Admit Defeat.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—A Vienna official  
report says that the fighting in Rus-  
sian Poland has assumed the propor-  
tion of a continuous battle. The  
Russians have been repulsed in west-  
ern Galicia and the Austrians are  
making progress in the Carpathians.  
Near Lazarevatz, Serbia, the Aus-  
trians took twelve hundred prisoners.

### Austrians Driven Back.

London, Nov. 27.—Professor Bern-  
ard Pares, the British government's  
correspondent at the Russian army  
headquarters, in a dispatch dated  
Nov. 25, dealing with the general  
Russian advance, says that after the  
Russians had held the River San for  
nearly a month against the Austrians,  
word came to go forward. The river  
was crossed and the enemy driven  
from his trenches and the neighbor-  
ing villages, and was forced back.

cate themselves from a position very  
unfavorable to them. The Germans,  
on the other hand, claim they have  
inflicted heavy losses on the Russians  
between Lodz and Lowicz.

The military authorities in Petro-  
grad, assuming that the unofficial  
reports of a victory are true, ex-  
press astonishment that the Germans  
should have attacked Lodz, for they  
say defeat there was inevitable. The  
Germans who advanced from the  
north and south, these military ob-  
servers add, doubtless intended to  
seize the railway between Skiern-  
iewice and Piotrkow and interrupt  
communication between the northern  
and southern Russian armies, but  
Grand Duke Nicholas, with the enor-  
mous number of men at his command,  
was able to sandwich them and di-  
rect his attacks from all points ex-  
cept due west. The reported failure  
of the German crown prince's army to  
advance on the Cracow-Czen-  
stochowa front is considered by these  
military critics as contributing to the  
checking of the Germans.

It is said in Petrograd that one if  
not two German corps are almost  
completely enveloped and that they  
are making a desperate effort to  
fight their way out to the north.  
Already a large number of prisoners  
are reported to have passed through  
Warsaw. This is considered in Lon-  
don to confirm the unofficial reports  
and the statement of Lord Kitchener  
in the house of lords today that "the  
reinforced Russian troops in this  
neighborhood have been able to  
check and defeat the Germans with-  
out incurring heavier losses than they  
ever sustained before."

## PRES. BRILES TONIGHT AT AUDITORIUM

PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL  
NORMAL AT ADA WILL LEC-  
TURE TO CARTER COUNTY  
TEACHERS.

The teachers of the county are  
in session today, and the meeting  
this evening at the High school au-  
ditorium promises to be replete  
with interest to citizens as well as  
to teachers. The evening meeting  
will be held at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Chas. W. Briles, president of  
the East Central State Normal at  
Ada will address the teachers. The  
High School orchestra and other or-  
ganizations of the school will assist  
in the entertainment.

All teachers are urged to be pres-  
ent, and patrons of the school will be  
made welcome and will be well en-  
tertained.

## GOLDEN GATE CONTEST AND THANKSGIVING

CONTESTANTS APPRECIATE EF-  
FERTS OF ARDMOREITE AND  
BUSINESS MEN, AND WINNERS  
WILL THANK ALL.

Thanksgiving Day, 1914, is past.  
There is to be another Thanksgiv-  
ing day in the near future.

In the year 1621 a little band of  
Pilgrims, who lived in and around  
Plymouth, had toiled for months with  
their crops. In the early spring,  
with their hand-made instruments,  
and unlimited faith, this brave little  
band went forth, broke the soil and  
planted therein the life-giving seeds  
of comfort and happiness. Their  
fondest dreams were realized when,  
in late fall, through their efforts and  
faith, they harvested a bountiful sup-  
ply of body-nourishing and life  
sustaining foods. On the day when  
their crops had been harvested, this  
little band, with hearts full of love  
and thanksgiving gathered in their  
different places of worship and gave

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## MEXICANS FAIL TO KEEP TERMS

NOTWITHSTANDING GUARANTEE  
GIVEN FUNSTON, ARRESTS ARE  
MADE IN VERA CRUZ.

## DEMANDS ARE MADE

United States Government Demands  
Punishment of Parties Guilty of  
Looting Property of American  
Dairyman and Return of Property.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Notwith-  
standing Carranza's guarantees that  
Mexicans employed by Funston at  
Vera Cruz would not be arrested,  
one such arrest was reported official-  
ly here today.

The property of an American  
dairyman named Hill, near Mexico  
City, was also looted.

The United States has demanded  
the punishment of the guilty par-  
ties and the return of the property.

### Carranza in Vera Cruz.

Vera Cruz, Nov. 27.—General Ven-  
ustiano Carranza reached here Thurs-  
day from Cordoba. His arrival  
brought thousands of enthusiastic  
citizens into the streets and when  
he spoke from the balcony of the  
municipal palace, he was greeted  
with loud cheers. Thursday he will  
take up his official duties and from  
this city as his temporary capital,  
will direct the campaign against  
Generals Villa and Zapata.

The occupation of Mexico City by  
the forces of General Zapata and  
the apparent understanding that has  
been reached between this southern  
leader and General Villa appear to  
be pleasing rather than otherwise to  
General Carranza's supporters here,  
who it is supposed reflect Carranza's  
opinion in this respect.

In general, the plan now will be  
to besiege Zapata and Villa, cutting  
every railroad and starving them  
into surrender if possible, but forc-  
ing their capitulation at that point  
in any way which may become nec-  
essary.

### Many Spaniards Killed.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Official  
Madrid dispatches claim that several  
Spaniards were killed and their  
homes pillaged when Zapata entered  
Mexico City.

### COTTON MARKET HIGHER.

Five to Ten Points Higher, Due to  
Heavy Foreign Buying.  
New York, Nov. 27.—Foreign buy-  
ing and heavy exports put cotton  
futures five to ten points higher to-  
day.

### Germans Buying Cotton.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 27.—It is  
reported that German spinners are  
buying March contracts.

### Place Offered Dallas Man.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 27.—Henry D.  
Lindsay of Dallas has been offered  
the chairmanship of the committee  
to handle the Texas share of the  
one hundred and thirty-five-million-  
dollar cotton pool.

### Was "Justifiable Homicide."

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 27.—Rex  
McHoney was freed today with a  
verdict of "justifiable homicide." He  
yesterday killed Isaac Strickland, who  
had killed McHoney's mother-in-law.

### Much for Texas Schools.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 27.—Estimates  
for the University of Texas for next  
year was filed today, for \$3,261,760.  
This includes four new school build-  
ings, besides the dormitories, etc.

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
New Orleans, La., Nov. 27.—  
The weather forecast for Ok-  
lahoma for tonight is fair and  
colder with cold wave; in Ok-  
lahoma temperature will be  
freezing. Saturday fair and  
warmer in the western por-  
tion.  
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